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State of Utah
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Lowell P. Braxton, Director
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Re: Public Notice of Star Stone Quarries, Inc., Heber Quarry Mine Plan, M/051/001,
Wasatch County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

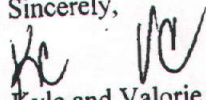
We have recently received notification through our neighbors that an application to expand mining operations at the rock quarry near our home has been received by your office. We were not notified through your office, but our home is less than 800 feet from the base of the quarry. Therefore, we are directly affected by the actions of the quarry.

We are life long residents of Wasatch County. We have witnessed many changes in our valley due to the rapid growth, including the above referenced quarry. In 1995 we moved from our home in Heber City, to our new home in the Lake Creek Estates Subdivision. At that time, the quarry was mining the southwest face. The same area that had been mined for as long as I could remember. In approximately 1997, the excavating was extended to the top and east sides of the mountain, violating their current permit.

The quarry has been allowed to operate where and whenever they want. Complaints have been made regarding the workers loud music late into the night, and complaints were made regarding the over excavating of the mountain. The quarry company has clearly exceeded their existing permit boundaries, or limits. If this permit is approved, who will guarantee, to the residents directly affected by this operation, that the quarry company will not violate the new permit? Who will be held accountable for the irresponsible actions of the quarry company? Who will be responsible for reprimanding, fining, or punishing the violator? Who will protect us from violators such as these?

Perhaps you should visit the site, and examine the lack of responsible vegetation regrowth, the clear violations in mining acreage, and spend a day while the mining is in progress. These statements are not an exaggeration, these are facts that cannot be over looked. As a responsible division of oil, gas, and mining for the State of Utah, we respectfully request you deny this application based on the above-mentioned facts.

Sincerely,


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